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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating Jessica Heidelberg on the occasion of her receipt of the Milken National Educator Award.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating Jessica Heidelberg on the occasion of her receipt of the Milken National Educator Award.

Whereas, The Milken National Educator Award is the nation's largest recognition program for teachers;

Whereas, This award was developed by the Milken Family Foundation to reward, retain, and attract the highest quality kindergarten through 12th grade teachers to the teaching profession;

Whereas, Forty-two states participate in the Milken National Educator Awards;

Whereas, Milken educators are selected by an independent blue ribbon committee appointed by the U.S. Department of Education from each of the 42 participating states;

Whereas, This selection committee recommends the candidates directly to the Milken Family Foundation; there is no nomination or application procedure involved in this award;

Whereas, To be nominated by the selection committee, the candidates must meet the following criteria: possess exceptional educational talent as evidenced by outstanding instructional practices in the classroom, school, and profession; have outstanding accomplishments and have strong long-range potential for professional and policy



leadership; and have an engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues, and community members;

Whereas, Jessica Heidelberg fulfills all these requirements;

Whereas, Jessica Heidelberg, a first grade teacher and literacy specialist at Harcourt Elementary School in Washington Township, received her Bachelor's in Education and Master's in Library Science from Indiana University;

Whereas, As a bi-literacy teacher for the district, Jessica Heidelberg spends half her time teaching in the classroom and half serving as a literacy coach for other teachers;

Whereas, The Milken National Educator Award publicly recognizes elementary and secondary school educators who are furthering excellence; Jessica has chosen publishing books as her way of furthering excellence in her classroom;

Whereas, Students in Jessica's class write and illustrate books, sometimes using blank books and hand writing the pages and other times using computers to publish pieces and bind them together;

Whereas, Jessica feels that children "have a lot to say", and publishing books provides them with an excellent way to express themselves; it always allows them to practice reading since each child is asked to read his or her own writing; and

Whereas, Outstanding teachers such as Jessica Heidelberg form the cornerstone of our educational system and should be recognized for the contributions they make toward improving the lives of countless generations of Hoosiers: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates

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1 Jessica Heidelberg for winning the Milken National Educator Award
2 and thanks her for all her efforts on behalf of the school children of the
3 state of Indiana.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Jessica
6 Heidelberg, Principal Cateena Johnson, and Superintendent Dr. James
7 Mervilde.

